Sri V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER : இந்தக் கௌன்ஸில் ஹாலைப் பக்கத்தில் கட்டுவதாக யோசனையிருக்கிறது. அப்படிக் கட்டினால், ரொம்பவும் நெருக்கமாய் இராதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்பொழுது இருப்பதை விடக் கொஞ்சம் விசாலமாகவும், சௌகரியமாகவும் இருக்கும்.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister kindly explain what is the special significance of the term that he used ' at present '?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : There is no proposal at present. In fact, we cannot envisage all the future possibilities. That is why I said, ' We have no proposal at present '.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : In view of the Harbour expansion scheme, is the road between the area of Harbour expansion and the Secretariat buildings to be closed?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : A separate question may be put.

Electric bells in City Transport buses

* 112 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install electric bells in all the City Transport buses; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be implemented?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) All running buses of the State Transport Department have been fitted with electric or mechanical bells.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not a fact that in spite of the fitting of the bells, even now conductors use whistles and that in such a way that the ears get deafened?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Perhaps some of these bells are not in working order. But I think whistling is a schoolboy's habit and people like it.

Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : கண்டக்டர்கள் சாதாரணமாக வாயில் விரல் வைத்து விசில் அடிக்கிறார்கள். அது அருவருக்கத்தக்கதாக இருக்கிறது. மேலும், அதே கையால் டிக்கட்டும் கொடுக்கிறார்கள். இந்த முறையை நீக்கச் சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : அதற்குத்தான் பெல் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதை உபயோகப்படுத்தவில்லை என்றால், தகுந்த இன்ஸ்ட்ரக்ஷன்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்படும்.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. Minister agree with me that rattling of the bus itself produces such a heavy sound that the ringing of these electric bells cannot be heard and that that is why the conductors resort to whistling which may be the habit of school boys?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The rustle of the buses occurs only when they are running and I thought generally these whistles were blown at a time when the buses were stopped. So, generally they will only give the whistle when they want just to start. The stopping places are already notified.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government issue instructions that bells only should be used and that whistles should not be used?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is not possible because the bells may go out order occasionally and if we issue an instruction like that, then the buses will not be stopped.

Ban on export of paddy

* 113 Q.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government have made a representation to the Central Government for ban on export of rice from this State to Kerala State particularly from the Tanjore district; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) This Government addressed the Government of India to ban the movement of paddy (and not rice) from this State to any place outside the State.

(b) The Government of India have since issued the Madras Paddy (Export Control) Order, 1959, banning the export of paddy outside this State *except* on permits issued by this Government.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : What were the factors and circumstances which made the State Government represent to the Central Government to impose a ban of this kind?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government found that a Price Control Order had not been issued in Kerala. Taking advantage of the absence of control and the prevalence of high prices, there was a large movement not only of rice but also of paddy from the Tanjore district and other areas to Kerala, and if it was rice, it could be at least checked and controlled, because the Control Order, so far as this State was concerned, was in force. Therefore, the stock could be checked with the millers and then the producers. But if paddy was transported, from the producer it got straight into lorries and other vehicles and it was reported that it was transported on a large scale. Therefore, the Government felt that this movement of paddy should be controlled and they put it to the Government of India that there should be a ban on export except on permits. The Government of India have agreed to it.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the export was mainly from the Tanjore district or also from other districts in the State?